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3109. SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY.

SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) what is the number of serials produced by the Information Ministry for Doordarshan during the period from 1984 to 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that a serial, however educative and integation-oriented is never telecast without sponsor; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to sponsor value-oriented serials?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting does not produce serials for Doordarshan. However, various Doordarshan kendras have been producing serials.. So far, more than 75 such serials have been produced.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of adulterated edible oil to West Bengal

3110. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whtther it is a fact that recently adulterated edible oil was supplied to consumers in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with West Bengal Government;

(d) if so, what has been the latter's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether Government propose to initiate an independent enquiry to unearth the fact with a view identify the real culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) According to the report received from the Government of West Bengal, a ration shop in Behala area of Calcutta had sold adulterated rapseed oil to consumers. A grocer's shop owned by the employees of this ration shop had also sold adulterated rapeseed oil under the description of mustard oil at a higher price. The West Bengal Essential Commodities Supply Corporation, a nominee of the West Bengal Government delivered rapeseed oil to eight fair price shops including the one in question in the Behala and Thakurpukur area through a single transport contractor from the same consignment of rapseed oil refined by an authorised refinary viz., M/s. RASOI refinery of the (WBECSC) There were no complaints from any ration card holders of the sepen other shops to which this oil was supplied. This has established that the rapeseed oil received by the offending ration shop was adulterated after it was received by the ration shop owner. On a chemical analysis of the samples of aulterated rapeseed oil, a substance identified as Triorthocrasy -1 Phosphate (TCP) was found as the adulterant. TCP is an only liquid freely soluable in all vegetable oils and is generally used in plastic industries as a plasticiser.

(c) and (d) The Central Government took up this matter with the State Government who have expresed deep concern over the sale of the adulterated rapeseed oil resulting in the hospitalisation of a number of people. The State Government has sealed the ration shop selling the adulterated oil and have attached the ration cards under this shop with three neighbouring shops. Three persons operating this shop were